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PALM BEACH ATL.

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	ARMSTRONG STATE (2-4)	24	43	67	
	PALM BEACH ATL. (2-4)	28	27	55	



Posted: Nov 28, 2014



WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - The Armstrong State University women's basketball team began the second half on a 13-0 run to pick up a 67-55 win over host Palm Beach Atlantic University on Friday afternoon in the Marriott Thanksgiving Tournament, hosted by the Sailfish.

GAME LEADERS
ARMSTRONG STATE
Pts: Shermika Harris - 19
Reb: Brigitta Barta - 8
Ast: Amber Johnson - 10

The win improved the Pirates' record to 2-4 on the season, while Palm Beach Atlantic fell to 2-4 on the season. Armstrong wraps up action in the tournament on Saturday, facing Florida Tech at 2:00 p.m.

A three-pointer by **Dee Hayward** gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead in the first minute, but the Sailfish went on a 7-0 run to take a 7-3 lead with four minutes gone in the contest. The Pirates used a 7-0 run of their own over the next three and a half minutes to take a 10-7 lead, but Palm Beach Atlantic used a 9-0 run to retake the lead, which it would then carry into halftime, where the Sailfish held a 28-24 advantage.

The Pirates came out of the break on a 13-0 run - sparked by a pair of three-pointers by junior **Shermika Harris** - to take a 37-28 lead three minutes into the second half. Palm Beach Atlantic would come back to to cut the lead to six, 55-49, with six minutes remaining, but back-to-back three-pointers by Hayward and Harris would push the lead to 12, 61-49, with 4:32 remaining and the Pirates would then be able to close out the road win, the first win away from home for Armstrong this season.

"It was very nice to get a win, especially at Thanksgiving," Armstrong head coach Fala Bullock. "We had some different people step up today, which was good to see. I was encouraged that we came out in the second half on a good run, got out to the big lead and held it from there. I'm happy for Shermika [Harris]; she had a bit of a down stretch but I'm glad she came up with some good shots."

Harris led a trio of Pirates in double figures with 19 points, including hitting 5-of-11 three-pointers. Sophomore **Brigitta Barta** notched 17 points and eight rebounds, while Hayward finished with 13 points. Senior **Amber Johnson** delivered 10 assists.

Palm Beach Atlantic was led by Nkiru Anyagaligbo's double-double of 15 points and 13 rebounds, while Nikkira Brown added 14 points.

The Pirates hit a season-high eight three-pointers in the win and shot 40.4 percent overall from the floor (23-of-57) - an outstanding 55.6 percent in the second half (15-of-27) - while the Sailfish shot just 30.2 percent from the floor (19-of-63). Armstrong also hit 13-of-16 free throws for 81.3 percent.

PALM BEACH ATL.
Pts: ANYAGALIGBO, Nkiru - 15
Reb: ANYAGALIGBO, Nkiru - 13
Ast: BROWN, Nikkira - 4

TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG STATE	PALM BEACH ATL.	
(23-57)	Field Goals	(19-63)
40.4%	Field Goal %	30.2%
39	Rebounds	36
18	Assists	11
21	Turnovers	22
25	Pts off Turnovers	14
4	2nd Chance Pts	11
26	Pts in the Paint	28
6	Fastbreak Pts	12
9	Bench Pts	17

FULL STATS



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